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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CG

SUBJECT: ATTACK ON ZAIRE

1.
DEPT TRYING TO IDENTIFY COUNTRIES FROM WHICH ZAIRE
MIGHT BE ABLE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION FOR M-16 RIFLES.
IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT AMMO ADAPTABLE TO M-16
(5.56 MM) WAS PRODUCED IN YOUR COUNTRIES. WE HAVE NOW
BEEN INFORMED, HOWEVER, BY BELGIAN EMBASSY THAT BELGIUM
DOES NOT HAVE M-16 AMMO. IT IS NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER,
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WHETHER THIS MEANS NOT AVAILABLE IN ARMY STOCKS OR
WHETHER AMMO WAS NOT PRODUCED BY FABRIQUE NATIONALE.
2. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO CHECK DISCREETLY WITH
APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER:
(A) AMMO IS AVAILABLE IN DEFENSE MINISTRY STOCKS;
(B) WHETHER IT CAN BE PURCHASED LOCALLY AND FROM WHOM.

3.ACCORDING DIA BELGIUM,M-16 AMMUNITION WAS MANUFACTURED
AT
LEAST UNTIL RECENTLY IN FABRIQUE NATIONALE D'ARMES DE
GUERRE LIEGE. WHOEVER INQUIRES SHOULD ASK ABOUT SS-92
(HEAVY BALL) AND S/101 (AP) AMMO. IN FRANCE QUERIES
SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ALM FACTORY IN LE MANS. WE DO NOT
HAVE READILY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON GERMANY. OBVIOUSLY,
WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE CONNECTION MADE WITH ZAIRE
SITUATION,IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
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